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THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF HADROSAURUS FOULKII ON THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE HADDONFIELD DINOSAUR

with Dr. William Gallagher

Wednesday evening, September 24, 7:30 in Greenfield Hall

Dinosaurs galore. Small plastic ones and large bronze statues. Fossilized models and animated reproductions. Who hasn't been enthralled by these "terrible lizards?"

It's hard to realize that it wasn't always so. Until the mid-1800's, little was known about these prehistoric creatures. Then, right here in Haddonfield, a relatively complete set of dinosaur bones was discovered by an amateur naturalist, William Parker Foulke. Subsequently, the dinosaur was identified by Dr. Joseph Leidy of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia as a hadrosaurus. It was named "Hadrosaurus foulkii" in honor of the man who had made the discovery.

With that remarkable find, the new science of paleontology was born. Eventually, rivalry between two young paleontologists would lead to the famous "Bone Wars," documented so interestingly by Kathy Tassini in the September 2003 issue of the *Bulletin*.

The year 2008 marks the 150th anniversary of this important discovery. We are pleased that Dr. William Gallagher, recently retired Assistant Curator of Natural History, Collections and Exhibits, Natural History Bureau of the New Jersey State Museum will speak at our September meeting as part of the anniversary celebration. He received his doctorate in geology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1990 where his doctoral dissertation investigated the Cretaceous/Tertiary boundary and its associated mass extinction event.

Dr. Gallagher has traveled the world during the course of his field studies on dinosaurs and other vertebrate species, visiting the Middle East, China, Russia, Europe, much of eastern North America and most of the American West. Currently a Visiting Assistant Professor at Rider University, Dr.

Gallagher has taught both undergraduate and graduate courses at numerous other institutions, including the University of Pennsylvania, Rutgers University, Drexel University, Richard Stockton College and Kean University. He has authored over 70 scientific papers, articles and abstracts, as well as the popular book, *When Dinosaurs Roamed New Jersey*.



Dr. William Gallagher last summer
beside a pair of Triceratops horns
in the Hell Creek Badlands of Central Montana

It's going to be a fascinating program. Mark your calendar to be in Greenfield Hall on the evening of September 24 and plan to stay for refreshments following the program.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

by Dianne Snodgrass

Hello to you all. Back safe and sound from wherever your summer took you, I hope, and ready to become involved in our activities once again. It has been brought to my attention that a calendar of events would be useful to our readers - easy, at-a-glance information. I understand and I agree. As of mid-August, the following are planned events and activities for the Historical Society of Haddonfield in the fall of 2008.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting - September 10, 2008 - 7:30 PM. in Greenfield Hall

Book Signing and Reception - September 21, 2008 - Greenfield Hall, 2 to 4 PM. The Society's new book, *Haddonfield, Images of America*, Arcadia Press, will be available for \$19.99. Members will receive a 10% member's discount. Authors Kathy Tassini and Doug Rauschenberger will be available to sign your copy. Other Society items will be available to purchase including the 1899 map.

General Meeting - September 24, 2008 - Greenfield Hall, 7:30 PM. Program on the Dinosaur to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Hadrosaurus folkii's discovery in Haddonfield. Members free; non-members \$5.

Jersey Devil Program - Oct. 11, 2008 - Indian King Tavern on Kings Highway East - lecture 3 PM.

Fall Festival in Haddonfield - Oct. 18, 2008 - on Kings Highway 10 to 3.

Haunted Mansion at Greenfield Hall - Oct. 31, 2008 - 6:30 to 8:00 PM following the Town Parade; \$3 adults; \$2 children.

Board Meeting - November 5, 2008 - 7:30 PM in Greenfield Hall.

Chico's Fundraiser Event - most likely! Sunday, November 2, 2008 - Cherry Hill Mall; after closing hours. Ladies, do participate. The more you spend the more the Society makes.

General Meeting - November 19, 2008 - Greenfield Hall, 7:30 PM. Program TBA - working on Colonial Beer Brewing. Members free; non-members \$5.

Barnes and Noble Fundraiser - date TBA. Our volunteers wrap your books; you make a donation to the Society.

Holly Festival - December 13, 2008 - 10 AM to 3 PM. Arrangements, fresh greens, holiday cookies, 1899 map framed or unframed, luminaria until we sell out. Craft tables also.

Watch the local papers for updates to these and other events. Thank you for supporting the Society. See you down at Greenfield Hall.

OUR NEW BROCHURE

You will be receiving a copy of our new brochure sometime this fall as part of our Town Wide Mailing, which is on a five year schedule. Trustee Craig Ebner chaired a committee to develop a document which would include membership levels and several planned giving opportunities to benefit the Historical Society of Haddonfield. Serving on this committee were Lee Albright, Barbara Hilgen, Bob Marshall and Helene Zimmer-Loew. The result is concise and appropriately classy. It is an example of understated elegance packed with information to help you determine what level is right for you. Here is a preview:

Our new memberships are Contributing Member, \$35; Contributing Household, \$55; Senior Citizen \$25; Patron, \$150;

Patron Household, \$250. These categories support the Society's annual operating budget.

Continuing - Founder's Society, \$1,000; Founder's Society Household, \$1,500 (formerly Life Member). These categories generate endowment fund revenue.

The John Estaugh Society is a new category for those who wish to name the Historical Society of Haddonfield in their wills or as a beneficiary in a trust, retirement plan, annuity or life insurance policy.

The Elizabeth Haddon Society also is a new category for those wishing to gift the Society for \$10,000 or more to endow a fund for one of our buildings, a room, a program in your name or in memory of a loved one.

Extra copies of this brochure will be available for corporations in town, businesses and for personal needs. Please call the Society 856-429-7375.

AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL MUSIC WITH SYMPHONY C

On Wednesday evening, May 28, an **Evening of Classical Music with Symphony C**, held in our Greenfield Hall Gardens, was a big success. Perfect weather, a receptive crowd and beautiful music came together for an evening we will long remember.

In the top picture shown beside this article, Steve Kessler, our Vice-President, is introducing Pam Brant, Vice-President of Public Relations with the orchestra who, in turn, introduced Madeline and Kimberly, harpist and flutist. They delighted us with their music and the historical background of the selections.

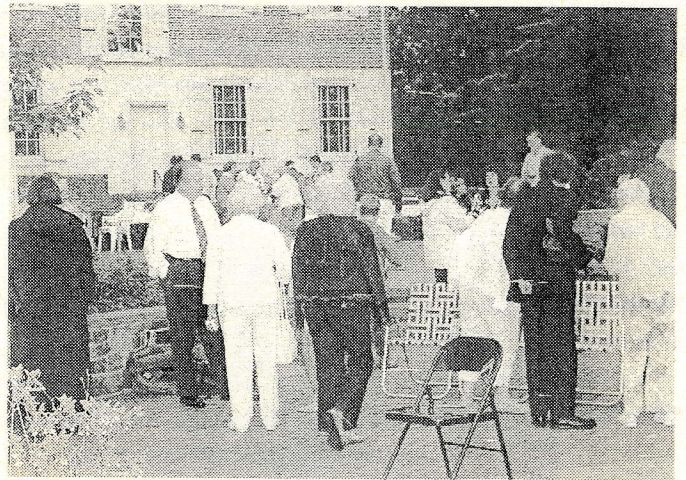
The second picture shows some of the crowd which enjoyed the evening. Bob Basmajian of IndyMac Bank of Marlton who underwrote the program is standing in the left of that photograph.



Have you seen the Gardens recently? Our faithful volunteers, under the leadership of Past President Bob Marshall, have kept the area looking "like new." Beautiful in any season of the year, the Gardens have been a wonderful addition to the 1841 mansion, a real asset to our Society.

If you are thinking about hosting an unforgettable party, planning a memorable wedding reception or are looking for someplace just a bit different for your next business luncheon or sales meeting, be sure to consider Greenfield Hall and the Gardens.

To make arrangements for your special event, contact the office at 856-429-7375 or call Rentals Co-chair, Lee Albright at 856-354-9761.



Our congratulations to Anna Gardner, HMHS senior, recipient of the Historical Society's 2008 History Award, a \$200 savings bond and an 1899 map of Haddonfield. The award, established in 1993, is presented to the graduating senior who has demonstrated an exceptional interest in and love of history.

BETTY LYONS

1928-2008

by Kathy Tassini

The Historical Society Library and the Society as a whole, lost one of its most vibrant and active members this summer with the sudden death of Betty Lyons on July 22nd. Betty was born and raised in Haddonfield and spent her entire life as "a daughter of the Borough" as some refer to the decreasing number of residents to carry the honor of living their entire lives in the community.

After attending Elizabeth Haddon School and the Haddonfield Junior High School, Betty graduated from HMHS in 1945. Following graduation, she initially worked for Bell Tel in Haddonfield. Ultimately she attended the University of Pennsylvania as a part time student, and received a B.A. from Penn, an accomplishment of which she was very proud. She worked for the NJ State Department of Health for about 35 years and retired to pursue the two real loves of her life, local history and travel.

Betty lived on Homestead Avenue for 78 years with her parents, George A. Lyons and Anna G. Lyons and her brother, George Stuart Lyons. Although her father died shortly after Betty's graduation from HMHS, she, her mother and Stuart continued to live in the house and became an inspiring trio of travelers. A local newspaper once did an article on how the three of them were seeing the world two weeks at a time. They went everywhere and did everything in two week "vacation tours," beginning in the 1950's – true adventurers for their day!

Betty's mother passed away suddenly on a trip to Germany, exactly thirty-nine years ago. Betty and Stuart, having been well-schooled in the joys of travel, continued to travel extensively as a dynamic duo after their mother's death. They particularly enjoyed Africa and the Far East and made many trips to both continents. There were very few places on earth that they had not been to, most more than once.

Following Stuart's death in 2001, Betty continued her travels by going on cruises with Holland America, usually twice a year. Although she traveled as a single, she was never alone. Her wonderful attitude, brilliant mind, and knowledge of the world made her a popular friend to many on all of her trips. On January 4, 2008, her 80th birthday, Betty left for a four month around-the-world-trip, her dream trip of a lifetime and truly did have the time of her life.

Betty was a Life Member of the Society, and after her retirement from the State, she became a faithful library volunteer, coming every Tuesday, Thursday and first Sundays. She ultimately became our Assistant Librarian, running the library in my absence and fielding a multitude of internet and telephone reference calls – especially when things were particularly busy. Her knowledge of Haddonfield history was prodigious and her patience and kindness in dealing with all who asked for assistance was simply wonderful.

For about 35 years, Betty and Stuart researched and wrote about the life of Elizabeth Haddon in anticipation of publishing the definitive biography of the founder of the town. She had completed a draft of the book and was at the time of her death re-writing a few chapters which she felt still needed work. Her plan was to complete her revisions beginning in August when she returned from her latest cruise abroad and have them done by January 2009 when she had planned to go on her second around the world cruise in as many years. Sadly for all of us, Betty died in Oslo, Norway of a massive stroke suffered while on what she considered a "quick cruise" to Europe. We have had numerous offers from individuals to help with putting the book into its final form and publishing it posthumously for Betty. I am certain that her wishes for the book to be published will be fulfilled. It is bittersweet that she will not be there to receive the accolades.

I would like to close this memorial to Betty with some quotations that come from "A Testimony from Haddonfield Monthly Meeting concerning Elizabeth (Haddon) Estaugh," I think their relevance is self-evident.

"...her parents gave her a liberal education."

"She was endowed with great natural abilities, which being sanctified by the spirit of Christ were much improved..."

"She was a sincere sympathizer with the afflicted, of a benevolent disposition, and in distributing to the poor was desirous to do it in a way most profitable and durable to them, and if possible, not to let the "Right hand know what the left did," and tho' in a state of affluence as to this world's wealth, was an example of plainness and moderation..."

"Her heart and house were open to her friends, whom to entertain seemed one of her greatest pleasures; was prudently cheerful, and well knowing the value of friendship was careful not to wound it herself, nor encourage others in whispering and publishing their failings or supposed weaknesses."

"She departed this life as one falling asleep, full of days, like unto a shock of corn fully ripe."

THE FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY OF HADDONFIELD

by Betty Lyons

Back in the early 1700's when Haddonfield was being established, the settlers concentrated their efforts on building houses and a Meeting House, developing businesses and trades and setting up a form of government. Yet it wasn't until March 8, 1764, two years after the death of Elizabeth Haddon Estaugh, that twenty-six men met at the Friends Meeting House on what is now Haddon Avenue, then Ferry Road, to form the Friendship Fire Company of Haddonfield.

The name was derived from the fact that they believed in friendship and wanted to preserve not only their own household possessions but their neighbors' as well.

Each member provided, at his own expense, two leather fire buckets with his name inscribed on each one. The Fire Company supplied six ladders. Two of these were kept at John Gill's farm, two at the old stable and two at the house of Samuel Clement, Jr. The company also bought three fire hooks which cost fifteen shillings each.

Written rules and specific clauses made sure that each fireman had his required buckets and showed up at any fires in the area. There was a fine of one shilling if a bucket was lost or was in disrepair. However, if the bucket was damaged at a fire, the company would replace it. A fine of two shillings was imposed upon any fireman who did not respond to a fire.

Each member served as clerk of the organization for four months. The clerk collected fines, arranged meetings and inspected property. If the clerk failed to announce a meeting, he had to pay a fine of one shilling for each member who did not attend. If he did not make a report of property during the meeting, the fine was five shillings.

New members were admitted only after they were proposed at a meeting and the applications reviewed at the next meeting. The prospective fireman had to pay a stated amount of money equal to every one else's stock at the time he was admitted.

Each member was required to keep a copy of his agreement hanging in sight in his house. Should anyone go to his house and not see the notice, the fine was six pence.

Widows had the same protection as the family had when the head of the house was alive as long as she kept the leather buckets in repair.

In August of 1811, the Friendship Fire Company's name was changed to The Fire Company of Haddonfield. There was a lack of interest in joining the company on the part of the men so women who owned property were admitted to membership in the organization. The first women who became members were Sarah Hopkins, Hannah Hopkins, Sarah Gill, Attee Leaman, Hannah Parham, Ann Davis, Abigail Branson and Esther Denny.

The first fire engine was a four-wheel pump built in England by the Perkins Company. It was sold to the Independence Fire Company in Philadelphia and then purchased by the Haddonfield Company in 1818 for \$300. The Pump was painted red and had leather buckets which were held in the center box. There was a handle on each side of the pump with which to pump water from the buckets to spray on the fires. The water was obtained from wells dug along the streets.

Later, in 1854, the Fire Company of Haddonfield became incorporated as the Haddonfield Fire Department. The Borough Commissioners took the company under their wing in 1875 and on January 13, 1887, a new certificate of incorporation was filed with the name "Haddon Fire Co., No. 1." It is the second oldest volunteer fire company in continuous service in our country.

Founding members in 1764

Samuel Clement	Thomas Redman	William Griscom
John Matlack	Isaac Kay	John Hinchman
Robert Price	John Langdale	Jacob Clement
John Gill	James Davis	Thomas Champion
John Githens	Edward Gibbs	Samuel Clement, Jr.
Hugh Creighton	Grafer Smith	Thomas Cummings
Benjamin Hartley		Benjamin Vanleer
Thomas Redman, Jr.		Thomas Edgerton



Betty submitted this article before she left on her last cruise - another example of her sense of responsibility.

Graeme Lawes' service project, which involved the Tool Collection in our Museum Cellars, earned him the rank of Eagle Scout. Presentation of his medal, neckerchief and certificate took place at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony, held in the Methodist Church in town on June 28.

Don Wallace, our Curator of Tools, who suggested the project, was the keynote speaker at the ceremonies. His speech follows.

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR - GRAEME LAWES - JUNE 28, 2008

DON WALLACE SPEECH

Graeme Lawes is a leader!

I watched Graeme interact with his Scout volunteers and he was calm, cool, and collected, almost casual, but with an underlying intensity and persistence to see his project through. He is a natural leader!

In furthering our Registry System, he has benefited the people of Haddonfield, The Historical Society of Haddonfield, and himself, in helping to preserve our tool collections by recording each of its artifacts by number into a computer database. The computer has been donated by Graeme's father, Greg Lawes. This will make updating our record much easier into the future, for us and for future Scouts who may wish to gain from this experience. We are certainly grateful for this donation as well as his gift for analytical problem-solving and organization. It has been refreshing to watch him "cut to the quick," which means that Graeme apparently doesn't fall very far from the tree.

In dedicating himself to this continuing process, Graeme has had his baptism into the results of tool collecting, and I hope he may have caught the "bug." The tool collecting fraternity is aging today and is actively seeking young enthusiasts. We need you desperately if our tool organizations are to survive and prosper. The research that our men (and women in domestic tool specialties) leave behind is tremendous and wonderful! We leave a fine legacy of research to be built upon for future generations, and Graeme has expressed an interest in staying connected to us here in the Museum Cellars. This is very good!

If there has ever been an Eagle Scout who has attained this high honor on his own, all by himself, I would sincerely like to meet this unusual gentleman because no one reaches Eagle Scout in a vacuum! Not only does it take a village, THIS village, but it takes a selfless Mother. Jean Lawes' participation has been invaluable to this project, to her family, and to this community. We are very pleased this year to welcome this family of producers, the Lawes family, into the membership of the Historical Society of Haddonfield.

Neither do we overlook the siblings of the Eagle Scout candidate...because they are impacted by this process whether they want to be or not. Fortunately, Wyatt Lawes has participated fully with interest and enthusiasm, which probably means the Lawes family will be going through this again soon. Hopefully, Wyatt too, will select this Historical Society as his beneficiary.

In order to give you a small taste of what Graeme had to deal with, I've brought a few objects, artifacts...tools, humble tools:

A horse sweat swipe.

A twitch.

A pot scrubber of chain mail.

A double-claw hammer.

A soap-saver swisher for sudsy dishwater.

A macadamizing hammer, a mill bill and a pavior's hammer.

Mind you, now, Boys...if we are not yet known for our accomplishments, we will be judged by the company we keep! The Boy Scouts of America are very good company. Graeme Lawes, you are very good company, and we are proud to be in YOUR company.

MOVING HOUSES AROUND AND ABOUT -- Part II

Sylvan Lake Avenue Residents vs. Board of Education and HMHS

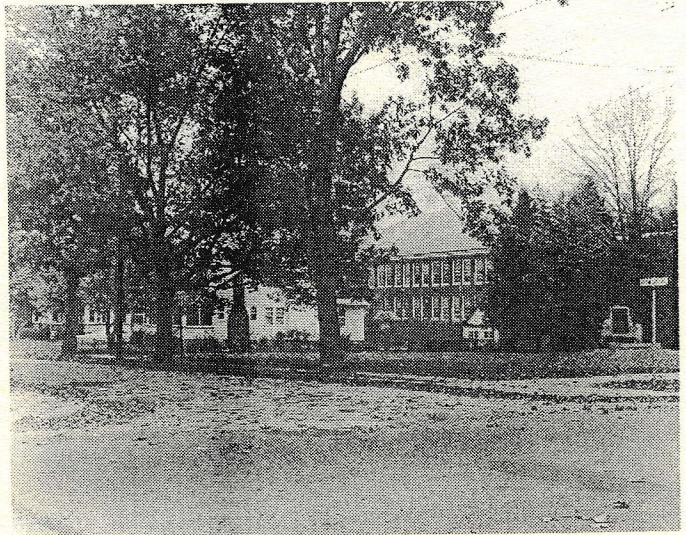
by Helen Mountney

In the late 1960's, it became apparent that Haddonfield Memorial High School needed an addition. The only feasible way to go was out on the left side of the school toward Sylvan Lake Avenue and build the addition behind the War Memorial. There were four major problems: the four similar bungalows that were built on that side of Sylvan Lake Avenue were definitely in the way. After much discussion between the owners and the Borough, it was decided that the only solution was to get the houses out of the way, one way or another. And then, after much negotiation among the owners of the four houses, the Borough, and the School Board, an amicable agreement was formulated.

Henry Bauer purchased the first and second houses on the high school side of Sylvan Lake Avenue from the School Board which, by this time, already owned those properties, with the agreement that the houses would soon be moved. The first house to be moved was the second house down from Kings Highway which had belonged to John and Vera Heath.

For those who have been in town for more than a wink, you will remember Mrs. Vera Heath who was a very capable and very well-liked officer of the Haddonfield National Bank for many years. This bank was in the building on Kings Highway behind the bank clock.

This really was a family home. Mrs. Heath's sister, Elsie Coltart, and her husband, Bruce, had owned it previously and Mrs. Heath's and Mrs. Coltart's mother and father, Harry and Emily Morris, lived with them. After all was said and done, none of them eventually went far away -- they are all resting peacefully in the Haddonfield Baptist Cemetery, just across Kings Highway from the home on Sylvan Lake Avenue.



The way it was

In 1970, the Heath house, 15 Sylvan Lake Avenue, was lifted off its original foundation, hooked up to a four-wheeled dolly, and the dolly was pulled by truck across the street and down through the cow pasture behind Greenfield Hall to become 5 Evergreen Lane. This house remains as the sole survivor of the original four and still looks as if it had "always" been there.

As to the cow pasture, yes -- it had been a real cow pasture. For many of the years that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bauer lived in Greenfield Hall, they had had a cow named "Bossy." She was kept in a large shed behind their house and her pasture ran back to a strip of land used as a footpath from the vicinity of Tatem field and Hopkins Pond to the high school stadium. That land was called "the cow pasture" for years, even after Bossy went to live with John Gilmore at Holly Ravine Farms in Cherry Hill. Bossy had to move when the Borough of Haddonfield, following World War II, would no longer allow the Bauers to keep her. Part of the strip of land which the Bauers had fenced in for Bossy was the old streambed going down toward Hopkins Pond.

When the truck and dolly had finished their mission on Evergreen Lane, and this house was safely settled on the waiting foundation, the workers went back to Sylvan Lake Avenue and picked up the original first house, Number 13, which had been owned by Daniel Matthews.

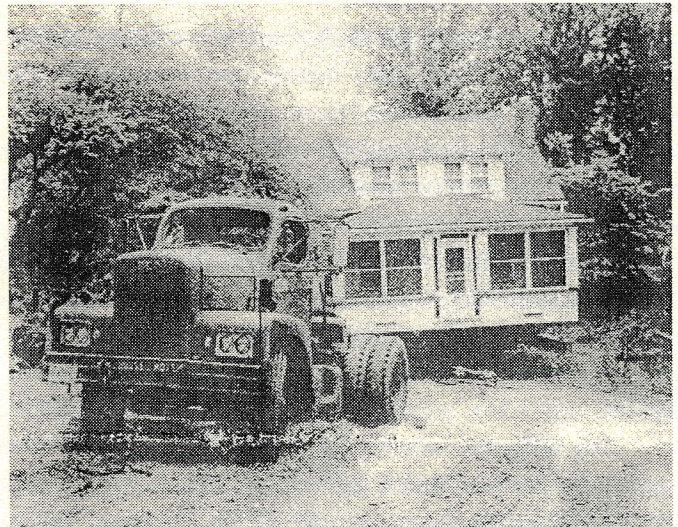
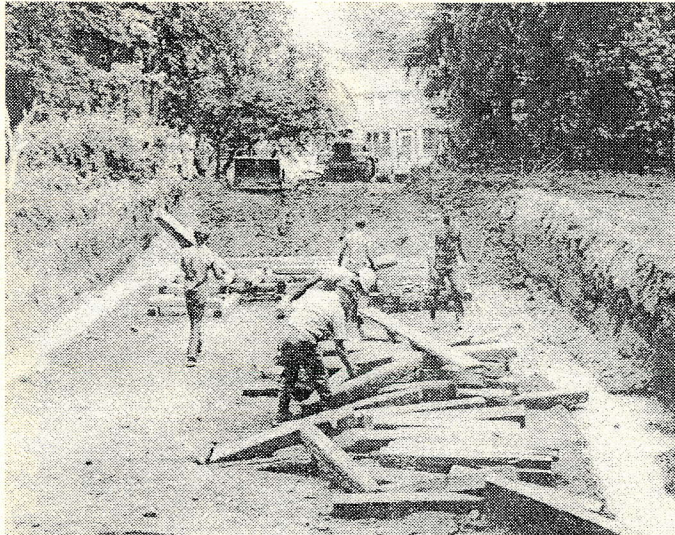
In the process of moving this house, it was picked up, turned around, and put down across the street on a new foundation to become 20 Sylvan Lake Avenue. During the Christmas holidays early in this new century, it suffered a damaging fire and unfortunately had to be demolished. On this property now stands a beautiful, large, new house.

The third house down from Kings Highway, Number 21 Sylvan Lake Avenue, was a dark green house belonging to Mrs. Marian Cook, widow of Lynn Cook. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cook were well known and very active in various Haddonfield functions for many years. An agreement was drawn up between the School Board and Mrs. Cook whereby the School Board would purchase the desired plot of ground in Cherry Hill known as 360 Kresson Road (almost across from McNaughton's Nursery), build a foundation there, and then have the house moved for Mrs. Cook to continue to live in as her home. This house was then moved by truck down Kings Highway to Potter Street and onto Kresson Road to the awaiting lot where it was eased onto the new foundation. Mrs. Cook continued to live there until she died in 1995 and the family sold the property. A few years later, it was sold again and these owners

soon sold it to St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church. The Church actually wanted only the land which abutted its property and it had the house demolished. Thus ended the life of the third house.

The dark-red-stained fourth house, 25 Sylvan Lake Avenue, was demolished because no buyer could be found due to its poor condition. For those of us who went to Haddonfield Memorial High School (and remember either Mr. or Mrs. Henry Dykhuizen as teachers there) and "suffered" though Mr. Dykhuizen's P.O.D. (Problems of Democracy) class and had to listen (as in radio) to TOWN MEETING ON THE AIR every Thursday evening at 8:30, you might be interested to know that Mr. and Mrs. Dykhuizen lived in that house early in their married life.

It certainly did not take long for the character of the east side of Sylvan Lake Avenue to be totally changed from residential to educational as Haddonfield Memorial High School expanded. By looking down that street today, you would never know that at one time, four very nice homes stood there, with lots of children running in and out.



Pictures from the local Herald newspaper of the time showing a REO truck, with the appropriate term "House Mover" painted on its bumper, moving a house described in this article.

LIBRARY NEWS

by Kathy Tassini

July in the library was extremely busy with researchers trying to finish up projects before our August closing. The coming of Labor Day meant the re-opening of the library. The hours for the fall are listed below. In addition, appointments for other times can usually be arranged ahead of time by either calling the Society and leaving a message or emailing the library at: hadhistlib@gmail.com.

Library Hours

September – November 2008

Sept. 2 – Nov. 25: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 AM

Closed Thanksgiving

Sept. 7, Oct. 5, and Nov. 2: First Sunday of each month

1:00 to 3:00 PM

Other hours available by appointment.

CELEBRATE

HALLOWEEN



WITH US

on Friday evening, October 31
from 6:30 to 8:00
following the Town Parade when

Greenfield Hall will be magically transformed into a

HAUNTED MANSION.

Join in the spirit
and help continue the tradition.

Adults, \$3.00

Children, \$2.00

THE INDIAN KING AND THE JERSEY DEVIL

Come to the Indian King Tavern on Saturday afternoon, October 11, between 1:00 and 3:00, to experience the entire tavern's day-time activities, even the grounds and the no longer-extant variety of "out" buildings. There will be Docents in all eight rooms.

At 3:00 PM the tavern will close promptly for Dr. Gillespie's unique and energetic interpretation of the legend of the Jersey Devil. Presentation will be to the "seated" audience. Be sure to arrive early. This presentation is free; no reservations necessary.

Angus Kress Gillespie is a professor of American Studies at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. He is a Fulbright Professor and New York Times best-selling author. A Yale University graduate, he did his graduate work in folklore at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. The author of several books and numerous articles, Dr. Gillespie has a keen interest in the folklore of the Pine Barrens of southern New Jersey. He has a special interest in the legend of the Jersey Devil.

The story began in the 1730's with a woman named Jane Leeds who had 12 children. Understandably, she became over-worked and frazzled. When she found out that she was pregnant with her 13th child, she exclaimed, "I hope it's not a child; I hope it's a devil!!."

The legend continues that when the child was born, it immediately transformed itself into a creature with the head of a horse, the wings of a bat, the torso of man, and the feet of a goat.

For the past twenty years, Professor Gillespie has toured theaters, coffeehouses, libraries and schools all over the State of New Jersey with his interpretation of the legend of the Jersey Devil.



We are very pleased to announce that the Indian King has resumed regular weekend open hours. Hours will be on Saturdays from 10 to 12 and from 1 to 4; Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4. These hours will remain in effect going forward.

MEMORIES OF BETTY

by Bill Meehan

*Bill Meehan is the author of the Society's publication, **Haunted Haddonfield**, which has delighted readers since 2003. Here are a few of his memories of Betty Lyons.*

Betty initially resisted the idea of *Haunted Haddonfield*. When Doug Rauschenberger was unable to find any ghost stories for Lily and me at the Public Library, he sent me to see Kathy Tassini and her staff at the Historical Society's research Library. When I told Kathy why I had come, Betty turned around in her seat and growled, "We deal only in facts here. There are no ghosts in Haddonfield."

Later, as Betty got to know me and understood I was collecting the stories as folklore, she became one of my greatest supporters, always on the look-out for new material for me. Much later, she confided she had personally seen an apparition at a castle on one of her vacations in England! She told me about it great detail. Betty's experience had made her a believer.

After learning of my interest in 1930's design and technology, Betty asked what I wanted most for my collection. I told her I wanted a Zenith Radio Nurse, which was the 1937 version of a baby monitor. She remembered that her father, a marketing or sales executive for Zenith, had brought one home to test, and thought it was still somewhere in the house.

Betty was determined to give it to me. She ordered her brother to ransack their house trying to find it, despite Stuart's protestations that he thought it had been thrown away years ago. Sadly for me, Stuart was probably right, as the Radio Nurse did not turn up. But her desire to give me that icon of modern design is one of the many examples we have of her generosity.

BOOK SIGNING AT GREENFIELD HALL

On September 21, between 2:00 - 4:00 in the afternoon, Kathy Tassini, librarian of our Research Library and Doug Rauschenberger, recently retired director of the Haddonfield Public Library, will be on hand in Greenfield Hall to sign copies of their new book about the town, *Haunted Haddonfield*, part of the *Images of America* series published by Arcadia Press. The book makes use of historic photographs from the extensive collections of the Society which has been gathering images of the town's rich past since its founding in 1914.

The book will be on sale for \$19.99. A discount of 10% is available to our members.

A BIT OF A BACKGROUND

By Kathy Tassini

This summer and fall mark an important anniversary in the history of Haddonfield and in the history of paleontology, not only in America, but in the world. In the summer of 1858 a gentleman named William Parker Foulke was visiting in the small village of Haddonfield, NJ, a not uncommon summer destination for residents of steamy Philadelphia in those days. Foulke and his family were visiting his wife's brother, Robert Hare Powel and his family at their summer home on Kings Highway East in Haddonfield. The house was an expansive two and a half story Italianate Victorian located on several acres between Hopkins Lane and the Cooper River on the north side of Kings Highway. The property ran back along Hopkins Lane to the property of their next door neighbor, John Estaugh Hopkins who lived at the house still known today as Birdwood.

During the course of the visit, Foulke, a lawyer and amateur naturalist who was a member of the Academy of Natural Sciences, was invited to dine with Mr. Hopkins at Birdwood. While dining with John E. Hopkins that evening, discussion apparently turned to some fossilized bones that had been unearthed twenty years before on the Birdwood property. Excited by the story, Foulke asked for and received permission to look for specimens that might still remain. With the help of Mr. Hopkins and one of the diggers who had discovered the

bones twenty years before, Foulke was able to locate the site of the original excavation. Foulke remained in Haddonfield through the fall and with help from John Estaugh Hopkins and some of his workmen was able to extract a number of fossilized bones from the original marl bed.

Foulke had sent word to Dr. Joseph Leidy at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia that something of scientific importance was happening in Haddonfield. Leidy quickly joined in the excavation, working with Foulke overseeing the excavation of the specimens. Taking the find to the Academy, Leidy identified it as a hadrosaurus, the first nearly intact dinosaur that had been discovered anywhere in the world. He named it *Hadrosaurus foulkii* (Foulke's bulky lizard) in honor of Foulke and his great discovery.

Today it is hard to realize how earth-shattering the discovery of the hadrosaurus was. Up until *Hadrosaurus foulkii*, there was not a clear understanding of what dinosaurs looked like or that they moved on two legs rather than four. *Hadrosaurus foulkii* was the first nearly intact dinosaur discovered anywhere in the world, the first shown on two legs rather than four, and the first mounted dinosaur which was ever exhibited when it was exhibited by Waterhouse Hawkins in 1868.

JOURNEY TO OUR NEW BOOK, *HADDONFIELD*

by Doug Rauschenberger

Nineteen years have passed since Kathy Tassini and I wrote and the Historical Society published *Lost Haddonfield*. Over the years, we often have been asked "Are you going to do a second book like *Lost Haddonfield*?" For many years our answer had been "No." We felt we had used the most outstanding photographs from the Society's collection for that publication and the photographs we would use for a second volume in the same vein would be less satisfactory.

However, a few things have changed since 1989 that led us to our second book, *Haddonfield*, in Arcadia Publishing's *Images of America* series. One is the emergence over the past decade of Arcadia Publishing, which has effectively cornered the market on general pictorial town histories, issuing thousands of volumes for municipalities across the country. Well aware that Haddonfield is one the most historic towns in New Jersey, Arcadia has been quietly but persistently pursuing us for some time to add a Haddonfield volume to their series. Even more significant, many outstanding collections of photographs have been donated to the Historical Society of Haddonfield in the past twenty years, greatly increasing the pool from which we could draw.

So last year, on behalf of the Historical Society, we signed a contract and began work on the new book. Unlike *Lost Haddonfield*, the purpose of which was to use long gone buildings and vanished lifestyles as its overarching theme, the Arcadia book is a general overview history. This allowed us to include many photographs that did not meet the purpose of our first book. A number of outstanding images, generously loaned from private collections, round out the 207 images used in the book, 90 percent of which have not been used in earlier publications.

The authorship for *Haddonfield* reads "Katherine Mansfield Tassini and Douglas B. Rauschenberger with the Historical Society of Haddonfield." The "with the Historical Society of Haddonfield" is to us an important statement. Without the society's vision, dedication and commitment to collect and document the history of Haddonfield, there would not be the deep and rich library collection from which we drew most of the images included in the book. We are pleased that all of the proceeds of *Haddonfield* will be used to support and preserve the society's invaluable library resources for present and future generations.

MEMBERSHIP

A big welcome is extended to all of our new members. We're looking forward to seeing you at our fall functions.

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ANOTHER DINOSAUR CONNECTION

A monograph written by Thomas B. Holmes and Merritt W. Pharo, published by the Society in 1992, tells the story of one of Haddonfield's "lost" houses. Standing on the present-day site of Borough Hall, the majestic frame house was once the home of Edward Drinker Cope. Professor Cope was one of the most prominent and influential paleontologists of the 19th century.

According to the booklet, "Cope was a high-spirited genius in the natural sciences." It continues to state that "Cope's mark on paleontology was nothing short of spectacular. By the time of his death (in 1897) at the age of 57, he had personally identified 60% of all North American fossil vertebrates known to man."

It was in his study in his Haddonfield home that he documented many of his discoveries. He evidently liked the quiet atmosphere of our town and was interested in the Quaker Meeting and the local school affairs.

The monograph is still available from the Society. In it, you'll be able to read about the background of those early years in paleontology and about the Cope family. Recollections of Merritt Pharo give a vivid picture of his family and what life was like in town in the early twentieth century.

Photographs of the interior and exterior of the house as well as diagrams and an 1877 map add dimension to the booklet.

The Hadrosaurus foulkii became
the official dinosaur
of the State of New Jersey
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